

is the most important as I speak to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) is this process that we are talking about. I agree with the gentleman on Steamtown. I agree with the gentleman on some of these other issues, but I think everybody with a couple of exceptions who has taken a look at this, the Sand Dunes say, gosh, this ought to be preserved for all future of America. We ought to expand on this and make it a national park.

The fact that we have it on here on the House floor is exactly where it ought to be. The best point I think the gentleman has made this evening is, Mr. MCINNIS, just because it is in your congressional district does not mean we should vote for it; that is right. That is why 435 Members of the United States Congress should vote for it, not one person in one committee stop it from ever having a hearing.

Mr. Speaker, just the same as we should not pass it just because of the fact it is in my district, we should also not allow it to have a committee hearing because of one person. We should bring it to the whole body, and that is exactly what we have done this evening. I encourage all of my 434 colleagues to vote yes on this and create a national park for the future of America.

I am proud of it. People in Colorado are proud of it. We want to show it off, not just to America, but to the world.

Mr. Speaker, I am submitting a letter from the State of Colorado raising an issue regarding control and management of hunting in the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve. I share the State of Colorado's concern, and as the House author of this bill and one involved in the negotiations that produced the final Senate version, I would read the current language in the light most favorable to Colorado's sovereignty and predominant role in hunting, fishing and trapping that states have in our federal/state system. Specifically, the term "limited periods" in section 7(c)(2) of the bill, referring to the time periods that hunting, fishing or trapping in the preserve may be prohibited, should be strictly construed to limit the time and nature of the closures or restrictions on hunting, fishing and trapping in the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve. Permanent closures or expansive closures would absolutely run counter to the intent of this legislation.

Moreover, section 7(c)(3) of the legislation calls for consultation by the Park Service with the appropriate Colorado agency on any limited prohibitions of hunting, fishing and trapping. As an author of this legislation, this language should be read as expansively as possible to require real, meaningful consultation with the State of Colorado, including involvement in the decisions and crafting the scope and nature of any closures to allow for the maximum management of the bighorn sheep herds and other wildlife in the Great Sand Dunes Preserve.

STATE OF COLORADO,  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,  
Denver, CO, October 4, 2000.

Mr. MIKE HESS,  
Cannon Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MIKE: Per our telephone conversation earlier today, it has come to our attention that some important language in the Great Sand Dunes National Park bill was not included. Specifically, the paragraph requiring the Secretary of the Interior to obtain approval of the Colorado Division of Wildlife before closing hunting opportunities, except for emergencies, was replaced with general consultation language.

This current form causes problems for the State of Colorado. We are concerned about giving the Secretary carte blanche to control the way we manage game and non-game species on a new national park.

As you know, the bighorn sheep is Colorado's state animal, and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains are home to the State's largest bighorn sheep herds. The management of this herd has been one of the Division of Wildlife's biggest success stories over the years, and the possibility that our most important management tool could be taken away by the Secretary of the Interior is adverse to the best interests of the State and our wildlife.

Furthermore, any ban on hunting in the expansion areas would also greatly reduce our ability to properly manage the elk herd in that game unit. This will increase our animal damage payments to citizens and reduce recreational opportunities.

I hope this is helpful. Thanks for all your great work on this important bill.

Sincerely,

GREG WALCHER,  
Executive Director.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I just want to add a final word. I urge passage of this bill. I think it is the right thing to do for the State of Colorado. It is the right thing to do for the country. My colleague, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS), has made a powerful argument. It is the right thing to do for the citizens of the world who would come to see this very unique area that starts with the Sand Dunes in a low elevation and rises to 14,000-foot peaks. I hope the House will do the right thing.

Madam Speaker, I urge passage of this bill.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2547.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HEFLEY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further

proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### HARRIET TUBMAN SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY ACT

Mr. HANSEN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2345) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study concerning the preservation and public use of sites associated with Harriet Tubman located in Auburn, New York, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 2345

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Harriet Tubman Special Resource Study Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) Harriet Tubman was born into slavery on a plantation in Dorchester County, Maryland, in 1821;

(2) in 1849, Harriet Tubman escaped the plantation on foot, using the North Star for direction and following a route through Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania to Philadelphia, where she gained her freedom;

(3) Harriet Tubman is an important figure in the history of the United States, and is most famous for her role as a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, in which, as a fugitive slave, she helped hundreds of enslaved individuals to escape to freedom before and during the Civil War;

(4) during the Civil War, Harriet Tubman served the Union Army as a guide, spy, and nurse;

(5) after the Civil War, Harriet Tubman was an advocate for the education of black children;

(6) Harriet Tubman settled in Auburn, New York, in 1857, and lived there until 1913;

(7) while in Auburn, Harriet Tubman dedicated her life to caring selflessly and tirelessly for people who could not care for themselves, was an influential member of the community and an active member of the Thompson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, and established a home for the elderly;

(8) Harriet Tubman was a friend of William Henry Seward, who served as the Governor of and a Senator from the State of New York and as Secretary of State under President Abraham Lincoln;

(9) 4 sites in Auburn that directly relate to Harriet Tubman and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places are—

(A) Harriet Tubman's home;

(B) the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged;

(C) the Thompson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church; and

(D) Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged and William Henry Seward's home in Auburn are national historic landmarks.

#### SEC. 3. STUDY CONCERNING SITES IN AUBURN, NEW YORK, ASSOCIATED WITH HARRIET TUBMAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a special resource study of the national significance, feasibility of long-term preservation, and public use of the following sites associated with Harriet Tubman:

(1) Harriet Tubman's Birthplace, located on Greenbriar Road, off of Route 50, in Dorchester County, Maryland.

(2) Bazel Church, located 1 mile South of Greenbriar Road in Cambridge, Maryland.

(3) Harriet Tubman's home, located at 182 South Street, Auburn, New York.

(4) The Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged, located at 180 South Street, Auburn, New York.

(5) The Thompson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, located at 33 Parker Street, Auburn, New York.

(6) Harriet Tubman's grave at Fort Hill Cemetery, located at 19 Fort Street, Auburn, New York.

(7) William Henry Seward's home, located at 33 South Street, Auburn, New York.

(b) INCLUSION OF SITES IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—The study under subsection (a) shall include an analysis and any recommendations of the Secretary concerning the suitability and feasibility of—

(1) designating one or more of the sites specified in subsection (a) as units of the National Park System; and

(2) establishing a national heritage corridor that incorporates the sites specified in subsection (a) and any other sites associated with Harriet Tubman.

(c) STUDY GUIDELINES.—In conducting the study authorized by this Act, the Secretary shall use the criteria for the study of areas for potential inclusion in the National Park System contained in Section 8 of P.L. 91-383, as amended by Section 303 of the National Park Omnibus Management Act ((P.L. 105-391), 112 Stat. 3501).

(d) CONSULTATION.—In preparing and conducting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

(1) the Governors of the States of Maryland and New York;

(2) a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Dorchester County, Maryland;

(3) the Mayor of the city of Auburn, New York;

(4) the owner of the sites specified in subsection (a); and

(5) the appropriate representatives of—

(A) the Thompson Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church;

(B) the Bazel Church;

(C) the Harriet Tubman Foundation; and

(D) the Harriet Tubman Organization, Inc.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which funds are made available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

Mr. HANSEN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, S. 2345, introduced by Senator CHUCK SCHUMER, directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special study to determine the potential inclusion of sites associated with Harriet Tubman in the National Park System.

Harriet Tubman is a famous figure in our Nation's history. After gaining her own freedom by escaping to the North, Harriet Tubman helped hundreds of enslaved individuals escape to freedom along the Underground Railroad. During the Civil War, she served the Union

as a guide, spy, and nurse. After the war, she acted as a powerful advocate for the education of black children and care for the elderly.

This piece of legislation will help determine the suitability and feasibility of designating sites associated with Harriet Tubman as a unit of the National Park Service.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support S. 2345.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON).

Mr. HOUGHTON. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding the time to me. This will be the shortest endorsement ever, but I would like to second the words of the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN). He has explained the importance of the Harriet Tubman legacy, and what this is is really a resources bill, a study bill.

This is an extraordinary woman who had a great record in saving many, many lives, and the whole thrust of this thing is to be able to study the various institutions and the buildings and the area not only in New York, but also in Maryland.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to thank Senator SCHUMER for his endorsement of this. I would like to thank Vince DeForest of the National Park Service and also Mike Long of the Auburn City Planning. They have done a wonderful job in trying to espouse this whole project.

As the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) has said, Ms. Tubman was an extraordinary historic figure. She served as a nurse and a guide and did all sorts of things for saving the lives of people and also educating them later on, so we have this opportunity to preserve such a tremendous legacy. I would like to ask the House to join in voting for this bill.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in support of this legislation, and thank them for bringing it to the floor, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HOUGHTON) for his support and Senator SCHUMER for drafting this legislation. I urge Members to support the bill.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2345.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

Mr. HANSEN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1482) to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1482

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 1999".

### SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment or repeal to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.).

### SEC. 3. CHANGES IN FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND POLICIES.

(a) AMENDMENT OF FINDINGS.—Section 301(a) (16 U.S.C. 1431(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking "research, educational, or aesthetic" in paragraph (2) and inserting "scientific, educational, cultural, archaeological, or aesthetic";

(2) by inserting "ecosystem" after "comprehensive" in paragraph (3);

(3) by striking "wise use" in paragraph (5) and inserting "sustainable use";

(4) by striking "and" after the semicolon in paragraph (5);

(5) by striking "protection of these" in paragraph (6) and inserting "protecting the biodiversity, habitats, and qualities of such"; and

(6) by inserting "and the values and ecological services they provide" in paragraph (6) after "living resources".

(b) AMENDMENT OF PURPOSES AND POLICIES.—Section 301(b) (16 U.S.C. 1431(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "significance;" in paragraph (1) and inserting "significance and to manage these areas as the National Marine Sanctuary System;";

(2) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

"(3) to maintain natural biodiversity and biological communities, and to protect, and where appropriate, restore, and enhance natural habitats, populations, and ecological processes;";

(3) by striking "understanding, appreciation, and wise use of the marine environment;" in paragraph (4) and inserting "understanding, and appreciation of the natural, historical, cultural, and archaeological resources of national marine sanctuaries;";

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (9) as paragraphs (6) through (10), and inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

"(5) to support, promote, and coordinate scientific research on, and long-term monitoring of, the resources of these marine areas;";

(5) by striking "areas;" in paragraph (8), as redesignated, and inserting "areas, including the application of innovative management techniques; and";

(6) by striking "marine resources; and" in paragraph (9), as redesignated, and inserting "marine and coastal resources;"; and

(7) by striking paragraph (10), as redesignated.